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	Dohm Chankong	2152	
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>10/23/2006</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>20-31,36,37,39,49,50,62 and 63</u> .			
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 Attachment(s) 1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),		(PTO-413), te ment/Comment	VANIT

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to Applicant's Appeal Brief, filed 10.23.2006.

Response to Arguments

In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 10.23.2006, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

- (1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,
- (2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory, Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

Allowable Subject Matter

3> Claims 20-31, 36, 37, 39, 49, 50, 62 and 63 are allowed.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Madon, U.S Patent No. 5.481.383;

Fitser et al, U.S Patent No. 5.631.904;

Ronen et al, U.S Patent No. 5.905.736;

Block, U.S Patent No. 5.960.416;

Mansey et al, U.S Patent No. 6.023.499;

Crosskey et al, U.S Patent No. 6.035.281.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dohm Chankong whose telephone number is 571.272.3942.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday [7:30 AM to 4:30 PM].

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571.272.3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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